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The submission of an appeal stays the effectiveness of the sanction.

(g) The imposition of an administrative sanction under this section does not preclude any other criminal or civil statutory, common law, or administrative remedy that is available by law to the Postal Service, the United States, or any other person or concern.

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§ 501.25 Meter replacement.

The manufacturer must keep its postage meters in proper operating

condition for licensees by replacing them when necessary or desirable to prevent mechanical breakdown.

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§ 501.26 Inspection of meters in use.

(a) The manufacturer must have all its meters in service with licensees inspected according to the following schedule. A high-volume mailer is defined as one who has annual metered postage in excess of \$12,000.

Meter Type	Monthly	Quarterly	Semiannually	Annually
Mechanical	Special Circumstances	High-Volume Licensees Using System Meters	Other Licensees Using System Meters	Stand-Alone Meters
Electronic	Special Circumstances		High-Volume Licensees Using Non-CMRS System Meters	All CMRS and Other Electronic Meters

(b) Manufacturer inspections must be sufficiently thorough to determine that each meter is clean, in proper operating condition, and recording its operations correctly and accurately. The manufacturers must:

(1) Compare the meter serial number on the meter with the serial number on the source document (manufacturer's records).

(2) Record the ascending and descending register readings and calculate the total readings. Record the locking-seal identification number.

(3) Obtain the licensee's PS Form 3602-A, Record of Meter Register Readings, or equivalent, and a copy of the most recent PS Form 3603, Receipt for Postage Meter Setting, and verify the control total after the last setting with the control total calculated during the proof-of-register procedure.

(4) Verify the accuracy of postage selection, denomination indicator wheels or electronic display, and denomination printing wheels following the proof of registers by printing a .00 meter stamp and then comparing the

register readings with the recorded register readings.

(5) Check to determine that the post office locking seal is in place and properly sealed and that the seal wire is properly wound and tightly gripped by the seal-locking mechanism, and tightly pulled up to the lock cover or post. Ensure that the locking-seal identification number matches the seal number recorded at the time of the last meter resetting.

(6) Check to determine that the lock cover properly protects the lock and has not been loosened, bent, or tampered with.

(7) Complete the following, as applicable to the specific meter model:

(i) Check to ensure that the meter fits properly on the meter base.

(ii) Check all breakoff screws to determine that no screw is missing or loose or shows signs of removal.

(iii) Operate the dater and meter ad selector dials to test the dater, postmark die, and meter ad plate.